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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Re Request for National Estimates on Indochina

1. This morning Carl Marcy called to say that Senator Symington was back in town and in view of a cable from investigators Lowenstein and Moose, Marcy wanted to know whether the Senator had been in touch with the Director. I said the Senator called the Director first thing this morning and was coming out for lunch with the Director today.

2. Turning to the recent request by Senator Fulbright for Committee staff access to certain National Estimates, I said the Director wanted to be sure he was responsive to the Chairman and didn't want any mail from the Hill to go unanswered, so I would like Marcy's advice on whether a note from me to him saying that Committee staff personnel would meet again with Agency representatives in order to try to work out a mutually agreeable arrangement would be satisfactory.

3. Mr. Marcy replied that they would like something a good deal more specific, and suggested that it include the following points:

a. It is agreed that the original request for all NIE's on the subject was too broad, and the Committee is now prepared to make its request more specific.

b. The Agency will respond by providing detailed information enabling the Committee staff to reach an "independent assessment on all the relevant information" on the Pentagon Papers.

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4. Mr. Marcy added that he wanted to be sure that we didn't "parcel out information that would serve the Administration's purposes--whatever these purposes are." He said he would like such a letter, preferably signed by the Director, to serve as a guide for George Carver or whoever was handling the matter on our side.

5. I said our main purpose in sending such a letter would be to keep the record straight, and I doubted that we could include all the points he had suggested. He asked that I give him a call after I had drafted something so we could discuss it.

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6. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Chairman Fulbright's request for access to National Estimates on Indochina. See Memo for Record.

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